

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

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9. (new) A method of anchoring a truss comprising a top and a bottom chord to a building frame, the method including:

forming a longitudinal slot in the bottom chord of the truss;

fastening a connecting element to the truss, the connecting element being sandwiched at least in part between the top and bottom chords and including a portion extending downwardly through the longitudinal slot;

forming a transverse slot in a top plate of the building frame;

passing the downwardly extending portion of the connecting element through the transverse slot; and

fastening the downwardly extending portion of the connecting element to a stud of the building frame.

10. (new) A truss and wall frame assembly, the truss including top and bottom chords, a longitudinal slot being formed in the bottom chord, a connecting element being sandwiched at least in part between the top and bottom chords, a downwardly projecting portion of the connecting element being received through a transverse slot formed in a top plate of the wall frame, the downwardly projecting portion of the connecting element being directly fixed to a stud of the wall frame.